

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

AMANDA HUDSON,

Claimant,

vs.

OAKLAND HEALTHCARE
MANAGEMENT, LLC,

Employer,

and

IOWA LONG TERM CARE RISK
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION,

Insurance Carrier,
Defendants.

File No. 5064320

A P P E A L

D E C I S I O N

Head Notes: 1402.40; 1803; 2206; 2907;
5-9998

Claimant Amanda Hudson appeals from an arbitration decision filed on September 26, 2019. Defendants Oakland Healthcare Management, LLC, employer, and its insurer, Iowa Long Term Care Risk Management Association, respond to the appeal. The case was heard on August 8, 2019, and it was considered fully submitted in front of the deputy workers' compensation commissioner on September 6, 2019.

The deputy commissioner found claimant failed to carry her burden of proof to establish she sustained permanent disability as a result of the stipulated work injury which occurred on February 6, 2018. The deputy commissioner found claimant is not entitled to receive permanent disability benefits for the work injury. The deputy commissioner ordered the parties to pay their own costs of the arbitration proceeding.

Claimant asserts on appeal that the deputy commissioner erred in finding claimant failed to prove she sustained permanent disability as a result of the work injury. Claimant asserts the deputy commissioner erred in finding claimant is not entitled to receive permanent disability benefits for the work injury. Claimant asserts the deputy commissioner erred in ordering the parties to pay their own costs of the arbitration proceeding.

Defendants assert on appeal that the arbitration decision should be affirmed in its entirety.

Those portions of the proposed agency decision pertaining to issues not raised on appeal are adopted as a part of this appeal decision.

I have performed a de novo review of the evidentiary record and the detailed arguments of the parties and I reach the same analysis, findings, and conclusions as those reached by the deputy commissioner.

Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.5 and 86.24, I affirm and adopt as the final agency decision those portions of the proposed arbitration decision filed on September 26, 2019, which relate to the issues properly raised on intra-agency appeal.

I find the deputy commissioner provided a well-reasoned analysis of all of the issues raised in the arbitration proceeding. I affirm the deputy commissioner's findings of fact and conclusions of law pertaining to those issues.

I affirm the deputy commissioner's finding that claimant failed to prove she sustained permanent disability as a result of the work injury. I affirm the deputy commissioner's finding that claimant is not entitled to receive permanent disability benefits for the work injury. I affirm the deputy commissioner's order that the parties pay their own costs of the arbitration proceeding.

I affirm the deputy commissioner's findings, conclusions and analysis regarding those issues.

ORDER

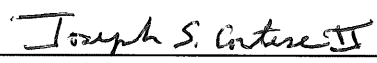
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the arbitration decision filed on September 26, 2019, is affirmed in its entirety

Claimant shall take nothing from these proceedings.

Pursuant to rule 876 IAC 4.33 the parties shall pay their own costs of the arbitration proceeding, and claimant shall pay the costs of the appeal, including the cost of the hearing transcript.

Pursuant to rule 876 IAC 3.1(2), defendants shall file subsequent reports of injury as required by this agency.

Signed and filed on this 22nd day of June, 2020.



JOSEPH S. CORTESE II
WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served as follows:

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